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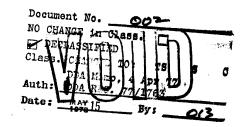
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- The V National Congress of the Federacion Nacional de Empleados (FNE) was held in Cali, Department of Valle del Cauca, Colombia, during the week of 20-25 March 1949. Communist groups diminated the meetings and succeeded in having many comrades or sympathizers named as presiding of icers or committeemen. The gatherings were so biased in favor of Communism that three departmental committees withdrew their delegations before the Congress terminated.
- 2. Members of the Confederacion de Tratajadores de Colombia (CTC), who were attending the Congress in an unofficial capacity, endeavored to effect an affiliation between the CTC and the FNE. Although this suggestion was not acted upon during the Congress, serious consideration is being given to it by the FNE.
- 3. Such an affiliation is not vanted by the Communists. The Executive Committee of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC) in a secret meeting instructed Pedro J. Abella, Secretary of Finance of the CTC and a Communist, to discourage any such alliance. The PCC believes that, should a union occur, the Party would lose a great deal of its influence in the labor movement inasmuch as the FNE, which is more on less anti-Communist, is big enough to control a large number of votes in the CTC. Ventura Puentes Vanega; Secretary General of the CTC and a Communist, was also given instructions to discourage any such affiliation.

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